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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Preliminary Analysis of [redacted]  
Flown on 31 October 1964

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1. This mission provided good coverage of [redacted]

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tion, several important airfields and some barracks areas.  
The nuclear installations were reported on in a separate memorandum prepared by the Military Division.

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2. The most significant item disclosed in the coverage of airfields was the presence of 16 MIG-19 (FARMER) jet fighters at Wukung Airfield in central China. Wukung Airfield previously was never used as a fighter base although there were flights of fighters to the base periodically. It is the base of Communist China's medium bomber unit-- [redacted]

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[redacted] In evidence in the photography are all of the medium bombers--13 TU-4 (BULL) piston bombers and the two TU-16 (BADGER) jet bombers they received from the USSR in early 1959. The presence of the MIG-19's indicates that they were probably deployed there to provide air defense of the area prior to China's nuclear test. Keyhole photography of [redacted] disclosed approximately 40 MIG type jet fighters at Wuwei which is northwest of Sian toward Shuangchengtzu.

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3. The presence of MIG-19's there are also significant in that only in the past few months have we seen the deployment of substantial numbers of MIG-19's to areas of China other than the northeast where they have been located since their introduction into China. In this connection some of [redacted] on "possible MIG-21 activity" in the Sian area appears now to have been in fact flight activity by MIG-19's. Since this is true it follows that some, if not a large percentage, of the other "possible MIG-21 activity"

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25X1D [redacted] on the basis of performance characteristics is also in fact MIG-19 activity.

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25X1D 6. Peitun airfield in southwest China near the Burma border was covered. It was first detected in photography [redacted] It has a 7800 feet concrete runway and a number of revetments indicating that it is intended as a tactical field. Some construction is still in evidence but there are as yet no aircraft there.

7. Several military barracks areas were covered by nothing of significance was noted.

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